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SUBJECT: RADIO MOZAMBIQUE COMMENTS ON SITHOLE'S RETURN TO RHODESIA

1. NOTICIAS JULY 12 CARRIED A SHORT FRONT-PAGE STORY REPORTING A RADIO MOZAMBIQUE COMMENTARY ON THE RETURN OF REV. NDABANINGI SITHOLE TO SALISBURY. RADIO MOZAMBIQUE COMMENTARY STATED THAT RETURN OF SITHOLE TO SALISBURY EFFECTIVELY ENDED ANY CONFUSION THAT MIGHT HAVE EXISTED AROUND AFRICA AS TO WHETHER SITHOLE WAS ON THE SIDE OF "REVOLUTION OR REACTION." COMMENTARY WENT ON TO LABEL SITHOLE AS A ZIMBABWEAN PUPPET, AS WELL AS AN "OPPORTUNIST AND AN ARCHITECT OF TRIBALISM AND REGIONALISM." HIS POOR RECEPTION IN SALISBURY, THE COMMENTARY CONCLUDED, WAS A CLEAR INDICATION OF "HIS TOTAL ISOLATION FROM THE POPULAR MASSES."

2. SAME ARTICLE QUOTED LUSAKA-BASED PATRIOTIC FRONT SPOKESMAN SAUL NDLOVU AS SAYING THAT SITHOLE, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN SECURITY AGENTS, HAD TRAINED TWENTY RHODESIANS TO ASSASSINATE PATRIOTIC FRONT LEADERS. NDLOVU
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ALSO ACCUSED SITHOLE OF BEING IN CONTACT WITH MERCENARIES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SMITH REGIME IN GREAT BRITAIN.

3. COMMENT: THE MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT COMMENTED OFFICIALLY ON SITHOLE'S RETURN TO SALISBURY.DE PREE

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